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FOR PHIL CLAXTON (S/PM)

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SUBJECT: WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE--ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

REFS: (A) STATE 099754 (B) STATE 105981

1. EMBASSY WELCOMES OPPORTUNITY WHICH YOUR VISIT MAY 26-28 WILL PROVIDE TO DISCUSS ALL ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR USDEL AT WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE. FOLLOWING IS SITUATION.

2. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: CONFERENCE SPACE IS CENTRALLY CONTROLLED BY TOP LEVELS OF NATIONAL TOURIST OFFICE (ONT). NO DIRECT RESERVATIONS WITH HOTELS BEING ACCEPTED. EMBASSY HAS INFORMED ONT OF USDEL'S ROOM REQUIREMENTS (REFTELS) BUT SPECIFIC HOTELS NOT REQUESTED PENDING FURTHER INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOU,BASED ON THESE CONSIDERATIONS:

3. ACCORDING TO ONT, FOUR PRINCIPAL HOTELS FOR CONFERENCE WILL BE INTERCONTINENTAL, ATHENEE PALACE, AMBASSADOR AND LIDO. ALL ARE CENTRALLY LOCATED DOWNTOWN. CONFERENCE RULES STIPULATE NO SINGLE DELEGATION MAY HAVE MORE THAN 10 ROOMS IN ANY OF THESE FOUR. BALANCE OF DELEGATIONS REQUIRING MORE ROOMS WILL BE HOUSED ELSEWHERE. IT APPEARS, THEREFORE, THAT ENTIRE USDEL CANNOT BE QUARTERED AT INTER-CONTINENTAL OR ATHENEE AS REQUESTED. LATTER TWO ARE ALSO HIGHEST PRICED IN TOWN (NOT MODERATELY PRICED, PER REF A).
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4. INTERCONTINENTAL IS ONLY CENTRALLY AIR-CONDITIONED HOTEL, ALTHOUGH ATHENEE AND NORD HOTEL (WHERE ONT CAN MAKE ALL 50 ACCOMODATIONS IF DESIRED) HAVE WINDOW-UNIT AIR-CONDITIONERS. AUGUST TEMPERATURES ARE USUALLY QUITE HOT. ONT STATES ARRANGEMENTS FOR EACH DELEGATION WILL BE MADE TO EXTENT POSSIBLE ACCORDING TO PROTOCOL, WITH RANK OF DELEGATION HEAD IMPORTANT.

5. THEREFORE, EMBASSY SUGGESTS RESERVING UP TO TEN ROOMS FOR HIGHEST-RANKING USDEL MEMBERS AND CONTROL ROOM AT INTERCONTINENTAL OR ATHENEE, WITH REST OF USDEL HOUSED IN ONE OF OTHER BETTER HOTELS WHERE 10 ROOM LIMIT DOES NOT APPLY. AMONG LATTER, WE SUGGEST EITHER UNION OR MODERN HOTELS (LATTER UNDER CONSTRUCTION BUT SCHEDULED TO BE READY FOR CONFERENCE). NORD HOTEL ALSO SATISFACTORY BUT LOCATED AWAY FROM CENTER AND INCONVENIENT FOR TRANSPORTA-TION. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS USDEL NOT TAKE CHANCE ON OTHER NEW HOTELS UNDER CONSTRUCTION BECAUSE THEY MAY NOT BE COMPLETED ON TIME OR POSSESS ADEQUATE SERVICES.

6. OFFICIALLY PUBLISHED CONFERENCE HOTEL RATES ARE HIGHER THAN REGULAR PEAK-SEASON RATES AND ARE PAYABLE ONLY IN HARD CURRENCY, AS FOLLOWS (ALL RATES ARE PER DAY PER PERSON):

A. INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL: (ALL ROOMS HAVE BATH AND SHOWER)
SINGLE ROOM: ($36.25) DOUBLE ROOM: ($24.15)
TWO-ROOM SUITE: SHARED ($45), ONE PERSON ($69)
THREE-ROOM SUITE: 3 PERSONS ($44.50), 2 PERSONS ($66.75), 1 PERSON ($106.50)
SERVICE CHARGE, BUT NO MEALS, INCLUDED IN ABOVE.

B. ATHENEE PALACE:
SINGLE W/SHOWER OR BATH ($26.00-327.50)
ROOM WITH TWIN BEDS:
2 PERSONS W/SHOWER OR BATH ($15.90-17.25)
1 PERSON W/SHOWER OR BATH ($30.80-$33.50)
TWO-ROOM
SUITE: SHARED ($27.10), 1 PERSON ($53.20)
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THREE-ROOM SUITE: 3 PERSONS ($25), 2 PERSONS ($37), 1 PERSON ($73)
NO EXTRA TAXES. BREAKFAST INCLUDED.

C. AMBASSADOR, LIDO, AND NORD HOTELS:
SINGLE W/SHOWER OR BATH ($19.30-$20.80)
ROOM WITH TWIN BEDS:
2 PERSONS W/SHOWER OR BATH ($12.60-$14.10)

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1 PERSON W/SHOWER OR BATH ($24.20-27.20)
TWO-ROOM SUITE: SHARED ($22.30), 1 PERSON ($43.60)
NO EXTRA TAXES. BREAKFAST INCLUDED.

D. UNION AND MODERN HOTELS:
SINGLE W/SHOWER OR BATH ($13.35-15.75)
ROOM WITH TWIN BEDS:
2 PERSONS W/SHOWER OR BATH ($9.65-$10.35)
1 PERSON W/SHOWER OR BATH ($18./0-$20.00)
TWO-ROOM SUITE: SHARED ($17.15), 1 PERSON ($33.60)
NO EXTRA TAXES. BREAKFAST INCLUDED.
THESE HOTELS ALSO HAVE LIMITED NUMBER OF ROOMS
WITH THREE BEDS AT SLIGHTLY LOWER RATES.

7. IN ADDITION, SOME APARTMENT-TYPE FACILITIES BEING
RUSHED TO COMPLETION WILL ALSO OFFER CONFERENCE ACCOMMODA-
TIONS. HOWEVER, SINCE QUALITY OF SERVICES, FURNISHINGS,
APPLIANCES AND CONVENIENCES STILL UNCLEAR, EMBASSY
RECOMMENDS USDEL NOT RISK RESERVATIONS THEREIN. EMBASSY
CAN INVESTIGATE FURTHER IF DESIRED.

8. IF MEALS TAKEN AT HOTELS, DELEGATES SHOULD PLAN ON
SPENDING FROM NINE TO 16 DOLLARS PER DAY PER PERSON,
INCLUDING CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST.

9. ADVISE IF RESERVATIONS REQUESTED (REFTELS) WILL INCLUDE
OTHER USG AGENCIES REPRESENTED AT CONFERENCE. IF NOT,

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WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY ESTIMATE OF ADDITIONAL ROOMS TO BE
REQUESTED.

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10. PLEASE ADVISE WARD ALLEN THAT RESERVATIONS AT HANUL MANUC (REQUESTED BY HIS LETTER) NOT RPT NOT BEING ACCEPTED FOR CONFEREES. ADVISE WHETHER HIS RESERVATION IS INCLUDED WITH OTHERS (REFTELS) OR WHETHER SEPARATE RESERVATIONS FOR DOUBLE FOR HIM AUGUST 12-SEPTEMBER 1 IS DESIRED (AS HE ORIGINALLY ASKED).

11. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR BEST ESTIMATE OF TOTAL NUMBER OF AMERICAN OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL DELEGATES. SINCE ROMANIANS ARE EXPECTING ECHEVERRIA (MEXICO) AND POSSIBLY OTHER CHIEFS OF STATE TO ATTEND, EARLIEST POSSIBLE NOTICE OF HEAD AND RANKING MEMBERS OF USDEL WILL BE HELPFUL IN GETTING BEST POSSIBLE ROMANIAN COOPERATION.

12. TRANSPORTATION: RE PARA TWO, REF B, FOLLOWING ARE LATEST AVAILABLE REGULAR RATES FOR TRANSPORTATION WITH DRIVER:
A. FOUR-DOOR SEDAN:
$3.60 PER HOUR UNDER 4 HOURS USE IN BUCHAREST
$3.05 PER HOUR OVER 4 HOURS USE IN BUCHAREST
$6.00 PER HOUR FOR DRIVER (IN ADDITION TO CHARGE FOR CAR) USED OVER 4 HOURS IN OR OUT OF BUCHAREST
$.19 PER KILOMETER FOR USE OUT OF BUCHAREST (NO HOURLY CHARGE)

B. MINIBUS (CAPACITY 17 PASSENGERS):
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$4.70 PER HOUR IN BUCHAREST
$6.00 PER HOUR FOR DRIVER WHEN USED OVER 4 HOURS IN OR OUT OF BUCHAREST
$.25 PER KILOMETER OUTSIDE OF BUCHAREST (NO HOURLY CHARGE)

C. BUS (45 PERSONS):
$8.30 PER HOUR IN BUCHAREST
$12.00 PER HOUR FOR DRIVER WHEN USED OVER 4 HOURS IN OR OUT OF BUCHAREST
$.35 PER KILOMETER OUTSIDE OF BUCHAREST (NO HOURLY CHARGE)
THESE ARE ONLY BUSES AVAILABLE.
CONFERENCE RATES FOR CAR AND BUS RENTALS NOT YET AVAILABLE BUT PROBABLY WILL BE RAISED 30-50 PERCENT DURING CONFERENCE.

13. PLEASE ADVISE: (A) USDEL'S ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING ANY SPECIAL FLIGHTS; (B) SCOPE AND TYPE OF OFFICE SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS. (EMBASSY HAS LIMITED SUPPORT CAPABILITIES FOR CONTROL ROOM/OFFICE

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OPERATION IN HOTEL DURING CONFERENCE, INCLUDING TYPE-
WRITERS AND SECRETARIAL SUPPLIES. INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL
RENTS XEROX MACHINE ON PREMISES AT 33 CENTS PAGE. EMBASSY
MIMEOGRAPH MACHINE WILL BE AVAILABLE IF DESIRED.)

14. PLEASE PROVIDE FISCAL DATA AND AMOUNT BUDGETED
SOONEST.
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